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1998 Groves Forum Features Mossman

The inaugural Groves Forum in American Numismatics took place at the ANS on April 18 before a full house of interested and attentive members and the public. The featured speaker was Dr. Philip L. Mossman, speaking on "The Stepney Hoard of Connecticut Coppers, 48 Years after the Fact(?)" Mossman laid out the evidence for and against considering the collection of coppers found in an iron pot to be an historical numismatic deposit of the late 1780s as opposed to a mid-nineteenth century marketing ploy. He agreed that Walter Breen was correct in concluding from his initial analysis that this is a legitimate hoard.

The meeting was chaired by ANS President Arthur Houghton, who welcomed the gathering and requested the audience to join him in remembering Harry W. Bass Jr., whose death on April 4 so shocked the entire numismatic community. Mr. Bass served as Society President from 1978 through 1984.

CNL Editors ANS Guests

Mr. Houghton then introduced the Society's special guests for the weekend. He noted that, as of 1997, the CNL Foundation donated to the ANS its prestigious journal, *The Colonial Newsletter*, which appears in three issues each year. "In large measure," Mr. Houghton stated, "we took on this exciting responsibility because Dr. Philip L. Mossman volunteered to become its Editor and Gary Trudgen agreed to act as Associate Editor and also to physically produce the journal and see it through the press. They are

assisted by Michael Hodder, as Associate Editor and James C. Spilman, the President of the CNL Foundation, who is now Editor Emeritus. Phil, Gary, and their wives are with us this weekend, and I know you will all want to join me in thanking them for their work on our behalf." The audience responded with appreciative applause.

Mr. Houghton continued, "This meeting marks the inauguration of the Groves Forum in American Numismatics, through which the ANS will endeavor to present speakers or panels on topics relating to North American coins, currency, and related artifacts. The Society is pleased to have this opportunity and proud that Dr. Mossman has agreed to inaugurate this new series of ANS public programs."

Dr. Mossman was introduced by ANS Executive Director Leslie A. Elam who spoke as follows:

"It is a distinct pleasure for me to present today's speaker. I have known Dr. Philip L. Mossman for just over a decade, since it was 1987 when we first discussed the possibility of the ANS publishing his book which had appeared in draft form in September of 1986 as a special issue of *CNL*. In the period since our initial contact, Phil has cooperated with the ANS in a succession of events that has greatly enhanced our understanding of American colonial numismatics.

"Trained as a medical doctor with a degree from Harvard Medical School in

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Groves Forum speaker Dr. Philip Mossman with his wife Mary discuss the talk with American colonial expert Robert Martin

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1958, he spent the greater part of his career in rehabilitative medicine, authored the textbook on stroke rehabilitation and, at his retirement last year, was Director of Rehabilitation at the Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor. Avocationally, Phil has long had a deep interest in European and American history, centered on colonial North America, the precocious offspring of European social and political ideas.

"The circulation of money is central to such an interest and has focused both his collecting and research activities. In 1990, he delivered the Bullowa Memorial Lecture here at the ANS, speaking on the Coppers Panic of 1787, an analysis which formed an important chapter in his award-winning book, *Money of the American Colonies and Confederation*, published by the ANS in 1993 as *Numismatic Studies* No. 20. Later that year he produced a major exhibition based on the book, for display at the 1993 New York International Numismatic Convention. Phil has also been an active contributor to the Society's annual *Coinage of the Americas* Conference. In 1991 he spoke on Abel Buell's Connecticut coppers and in 1995

returned to Chair the conference, deliver the overview lecture, and edit the resultant Proceedings volume on *Coinage of the American Confederation Period*.

"That abuse of his good-will led naturally to our saddling him with the Editorship of *CNL*, a project which now occupies the greater part of his waking hours. The topic of his talk today, "The Stepney Hoard of Connecticut Coppers, 48 Years After the Fact(?)" is slated for publication in *CNL* later this year and I am sure your comments are welcome toward that end.

"I am honored to present the 1998 Groves Forum speaker, Dr. Philip L. Mossman."

A lively discussion ensued following the illustrated address. It continued through the public reception at the Society and, for those who assembled at a fine restaurant on the West Side, well into the evening.

Huntington Medal Presentation

The Archer M. Huntington Medal for 1998 was presented on March 21 at 3:00 to Stanislaw Suchodolski, Professor in the Institute of Archaeology and Ethnology, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw.

The ceremony was also attended by His Excellency Eugeniusz Wyzner, Polish Ambassador to the United Nations, and by Prof. Felix Gross, President of the Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences in America. Prof. Suchodolski is the first Pole to receive the Huntington Medal.

Mark M. Salton, Chairman of the Huntington Medal Committee, read the following citation:

"There is no better symbol of the importance of the Polish contribution to numismatics than the name of Joachim Lelewel in the center of the architrave over the door leading into the headquarters of the American Numismatic Society. Lelewel has been called the father of medieval numismatics, and his 1835 three-volume *Numismatique du Moyen Âge* is not only the first comprehensive account of medieval European coinage, but remains one of the only such integrative works to come from the pen of a single author.

"Lelewel died over fifty years before the institution of our Archer M. Huntington Award in 1918, and no Polish numismatist has been among its recipients in the intervening years. It is with great pleasure that we bestow this year's award on a scholar who exemplifies the highest standards of Polish numismatics, and of our discipline as a whole, Professor Stanislaw Suchodolski.

"Professor Suchodolski is an example of that rarest issue in medieval numismatics: a generalist. His 1982 book on coinage and monetary history in early medieval Western Europe is the only comprehensive treatment of this complex and crucial period by an individual author. In detailed articles in English, French and German on such aspects of the numismatics of this period as the coinages of the Ostrogoths, the Burgundians, and Suevi, and especially the Carolingians, Suchodolski has brought the results of his scholarship to a wide numismatic public. As well as dealing with the developing coinage systems in them-

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Enjoying the reception following the Groves Forum talk are Gary Trudgen, Anthony Terranova, and Mike Ringo

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selves, Suchodolski has made important contributions to the theoretical and methodological literature of early medieval numismatics with his discussions of monetary circulation, the movements from gold-based to silver-based currency systems, and the metrology of Roman and Carolingian coinages.

"He has achieved a similarly broad overview of the development of coinage in the central Middle Ages with his 1971 book on the beginnings of coinage in Central, Eastern, and Northern Europe, and subsequent articles and monographs on the earliest Rhineland, Bavarian, Bohemian, Hungarian and Scandinavian issues. Among his major contributions to the general literature on the coinages of the tenth through twelfth century is his article on the institution of *Renovatio Monetariae*, the standard treatment of this important medieval monetary phenomenon.

"It is, not surprisingly, the medieval coinage of Poland itself which has most benefited from Suchodolski's probing inquiry. In three books and dozens of articles, he has explored and explained the organization and techniques of minting, the circulation of coins and ingots, and the relationship of royal issues to those of magnates and ecclesiastics in medieval Poland. These investigations have always placed Polish coinage in the context of the history and economics of the era and in relation to the coinages of Poland's neighbors and of Europe as a whole.

"Just as he has never isolated Polish medieval coinage from its broader context, Stanislaw Suchodolski has always been an active participant in the international numismatic community, even when conditions in Eastern Europe made this a difficult endeavor. He is Professor at the Institute for the History of Material Culture in Warsaw, an institution which has long set an example for the rest of the world with its rigorous methodology in medieval archeology and for its training excavations throughout Western Europe; in 1984 he was named Professor of the Polish Academy of Science. In over three decades as editor of the prestigious *Wiadomości Numismatyczne*, he had played a major role in bringing the work of a generation of Polish scholars to the world. Since 1991 he has served the worldwide numismatic community as a member of the governing Bureau of the International Numismatic Commission.

"It is for his many contributions to our knowledge of the coinage of medieval Europe, and for his service to the discipline of numismatics as a whole, that the American Numismatic Society bestows upon Stanislaw Suchodolski the Archer M. Huntington

Award for 1998."

Prof. Suchodolski read his reply in French, and the following translation was circulated:

"Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen, first I want to apologize for not speaking English, but my knowledge of the language is so feeble that I would not be able to express my thoughts freely. Other alternatives available to me to speak in German, Russian, or my native tongue, would no doubt be even less acceptable to you.

"Then I must say that I am very happy and indeed thrilled to be the recipient of your prize, which is well known and no less prestigious. Permit me to express the three principal reasons for my joy.

"The first is simple, indeed banal. It is simply that the prize is awarded by the American Numismatic Society, one of the most famous and best-known numismatic institutions in the world. As you know perfectly well, it comprises, in addition to a society of members and a museum with rich collections, a center for study. The brilliant results of research carried on here are presented in the publications of the Society.

"The second reason for my satisfaction is that I come from that part of Europe which, up until a short time ago, was isolated from the rest of the world. Numismatists, to be sure, were not particularly persecuted by the regimes, but still it is clear that research in the countries which called themselves socialist was more difficult. This was true particularly as it involved international contacts. Today's ceremony proves that the situation has become almost normal. You see before you a representative from the other side of

the former iron curtain, and he has come here without any difficulty at all.

"For me personally the situation is still more pleasant in that I am the first Pole to be so honored. I am a member of what one calls the "Polish school" of numismatics, founded by Ryszard Kiersnowski, my teacher and friend. I hope that he is also known abroad as the former vice-president of the International Commission, alongside Margaret Thompson; as a Corresponding Member of the American Numismatic Society; and finally as a participant in international congresses, among others the New York-Washington Congress. It is to Ryszard Kiersnowski that I owe my training as a numismatist. Obviously he has a part in today's ceremony.

"And finally the third reason for my satisfaction. As a medievalist, I am very pleased to be your medallist. To be sure, there are many among your list of winners; but they are much in the minority, dominated by their colleagues who study ancient coinage. The preponderance of this group is still visible in the course of international congresses.

"These are the reasons for my joy. For it, but above all for the great honor I am receiving, I thank you all most warmly."

Prof. Suchodolski then delivered the Margaret Thompson Memorial Lecture on "Coin Finds and Archaeological Contexts: A Tentative Classification." Though it had been announced that he would speak in French, Prof. Suchodolski addressed the audience in English.

A reception followed, and then a delightful dinner at Le Refuge.

Mr. and Mrs. Armand Bartos, Mrs. Wyzner, His Excellency Eugeniusz Wyzner, Polish Ambassador to the United Nations, Stanislaw Suchodolski, William E. Metcalf, Mark M. Salton, Ewa Suchodolski, and Feliks Gross, President of the Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences of America



Ute Wartenberg Named ANS Assistant Director

The American Numismatic Society has appointed Dr. Ute Wartenberg to the position of Assistant Director of the Society. The announcement was made following the meeting of the Society's Personnel Committee on February 14, at which Dr. Wartenberg was selected from among the leading candidates.



She will begin working in her new position on July 1. ANS Executive Director Leslie A. Elam expressed his great confidence in the Society's newest staff member, noting "Ute Wartenberg exhibits a firm understanding of the Society's aspirations promulgated in our new strategic plan—to open the ANS to a larger audience while maintaining the standards of excellence that identify this unique organization. I look forward to working with her in the coming years and have assured her that she will find life here at the ANS both stimulating and challenging."

Having developed an early interest in ancient coins, Dr. Wartenberg studied at Saarbrücken University in Germany. Her doctoral thesis dealt with unpublished Greek papyrus text from Egypt, which she completed in 1990 at Oxford University where she was a Rhodes Scholar. In 1991, she was appointed as Curator of Greek Coins in the Department of Coins and Medals in the British Museum, where she worked with the late Doctor Martin Price until his departure in 1994. She is Editor of *Coin Hoards*, acts as Secretary of the British Academy Sylloge Committee, and has written books and articles in the field of Greek Numismatics and Papyrology.

COAC 1998 "Circulating Counterfeits of the Americas" Theme of Conference

The 1998 Coinage of the Americas Conference, on circulating counterfeits, is rapidly taking shape. The response to the call for papers, published in the last issue of the *ANS Newsletter*, has been among the most enthusiastic we have ever encountered. COAC 1998 will be held at the ANS on Saturday, November 7.

A wide range of papers is planned, which will cover many of the important areas of counterfeiting. For the conference, the Steering Committee has defined the theme as including counterfeits made to defraud the public, not fakes made to fool the collector.

Papers Scheduled to Date

Philip L. Mossman and Charles Smith will give a paper on counterfeit halfpence, with particular attention to the Irish issues. Michael Ringo, a longtime specialist in the series, will also contribute a paper at COAC 1998. Keith Davignon, who wrote a superb book on circulating counterfeit bust halves, will discuss that topic in collaboration with Bradley Karoleff. Richard G. Doty, a familiar and welcome participant in the COAC series, will talk on the counterfeiting of private banknotes.

Two papers have been scheduled on the counterfeit 2 reales, arguably of U.S. manufacture: one by John Lorenzo and another by ANS curator John Kleeberg. Horace Flatt, well known for his outstanding works on Peruvian coinage, will examine the counterfeiting of Bolivian 4 soles. Two papers treat counter-measures: Michael Sullivan will discuss counterfeit detectors,

Her other interests include music and modern art as well as sports and traveling.

In her new capacity at the ANS, Dr. Wartenberg has direct administrative responsibility for interdepartmental programs and projects, including exhibitions, public programs, marketing ventures, and ANS membership promotions and will oversee efforts to encourage greater involvement in Society activities by volunteers.

and Emmett McDonald will present a paper on American counterfeit detecting machines.

John M. Kleeberg, ANS Curator of Modern Coins, will serve as Chairman for the 1998 COAC. Individuals considering participating in the conference should contact Dr. Kleeberg by June 15 (kleeberg@amnumsoc.org). Exhibits on the theme of the conference are also invited. Those interested are again urged to contact Kleeberg at the ANS.

Plan Ahead for Hotel Needs

Hotel space in New York City is already tight for the fall 1998 season. Those planning to attend the conference from out of town will want to reserve early. The ANS enjoys a special rate at two convenient and hospitable hotels—the Beacon at 2130 Broadway (74th Street), offers single or double accommodations at \$115.00 plus tax, and the Lucerne Hotel, 201 W. 79th Street (at Columbus Ave.) is \$125.00 per night. Both are convenient to the Broadway IRT 1 train, for a brief ride to 157th Street and the ANS. Rooms at this rate will probably be sold out by mid-June.

First Fowler Lecture to be Delivered by Frank Holt

Frank L. Holt will give the inaugural Harry W. Fowler Memorial Lecture at the Society on Saturday, September 26, 1998, at 3:00 P.M. He will speak on: "Every Coin a Mystery: The Quest for Bactria." Dr. Holt teaches ancient history at the University of Texas at Houston and is an alumnus of the ANS Graduate Seminar as well as a specialist in Bactrian coinage. This coinage was the primary focus of ANS past President Harry Fowler who bequeathed his collection of Bactrian coins to the Society in 1995.

Library Notes

As the library proceeds with its card catalogue conversion efforts, it seems only fitting to acknowledge our late Council member and Chairman of the Library Committee, Harry W. Bass Jr., whose Research Foundation has made possible this project and whose financial and moral support has meant so much to the library over the past three decades. Most of the library's advances during this period, whether in the areas of computerization, physical plant, or significant acquisitions, have been made possible through the generous support of Mr. Bass. His concern for this library, its staff, and its collection will be truly missed.

During recent months a great deal of time has been spent on developing guidelines for the Library's card catalogue retrospective conversion project. Based on his examination of several thousand cards in the catalogue, the Librarian prepared an initial list of specifications to be used by Gaylord Information Systems of Liverpool, New York, the firm chosen to convert the Library's catalogue cards to machine readable (MARC tagged) records. Ms. Tamara Fultz, Assistant Librarian, compiled a list of MARC fields which the Library would need for the present conversion project and for ongoing cataloguing. These specifications will be incorporated in the overall project guidelines used by Gaylord and the library staff. Gaylord has begun the conversion of the first group of library catalogue cards and has returned a representative group of records to us by electronic file transfer. The Library staff is examining these computerized catalogue records using software developed by W. L. Hill Consulting of Dallas, TX.

On February 25, in conjunction with the "Day of the Etruscans" conference, the Librarian mounted an exhibition of works from the library's collection of works of the eighteenth to twentieth centuries dealing wholly or partially with Etruscan numismatics. Among the works exhibited were Joann Baptist Passeri's *De nummi etruscis paestanorum* (Pesara, 1748), P. Raffaele Garrucci's *Le monete dell'Italia antica* (Rome, 1885), and Ernst J.

Haeberlin's *Aes Grave; Das Schwergeld Roms und Mittelitaliens* (Frankfurt am Main, 1910).

Among the publications generously donated by authors and publishers are Armando Bernardelli, ed., *Ritrovamenti monetali di età romana nel Veneto, Provincia 4, Vicenza, vol. 2, Bassano* (Padua, 1997), donated by general editor, Giovanni Gorini; Franz Betzner, *Lebensmittelkarten, Bezug- und Berechtigungsscheine im 2. Weltkrieg* (Duren, Germany, 1994); Tony Carlotto, *The Copper Coins of Vermont and Those Bearing the Vermont Name* (Chelsea, MI, 1998), donated by Anthony Terranova; Coin Dealer, *1998 Numismatic Dealer Directory* (Torrance, CA, 1998); M. Crusafont i Sabater, ed., *Obra numismàtica esparsa i inèdita de Joaquim Botet i Sisó* (Barcelona, 1997), donated by Dr. Leandre Villaronga; John Davenport, *The Daalders of the Dutch Feudal States and Others* (Dallas, TX, 1997); Georges Depeyrot, *Le numéraire carolingien: corpus des monnaies*. Deuxième édition augmentée (Wetteren/Paris, 1998); Julijan Dobrinic, *Corpus Notarum Pecuniarum Fluminense: Rijecki novci* (Rijeka, 1997); Ulf Dräger, *Deutsche Kunstmedaillen des 20. Jahrhunderts* (Berlin, 1996); Thomas Figueira, *The Power of Money: Coinage and Politics in the Athenian Empire* (Philadelphia, 1998), donated by Dr. John H. Kroll; Dr. Jay M. Galst, *The Eye in Nummis*, a talk given March 14, 1998, for the Cogan Ophthalmic History Society Meeting, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA (New York, 1998); K. Ganesh and Dr. Girijapathy, *The Coins of the Hoysalas* (Bangalore, India, 1998); Han-Jörg Kellner, *Die Münzgeschichte des Hochstifts Passau: Ein Katalog der Münzen und Medaillen* (Stuttgart, 1997); Leo Mildenberg, *Vestigia Leonis: Studien zur antiken Numismatik Israels, Palästinas, und der östlichen Mittelmeerwelt*, Herausgegeben von Ulrich Hübner und Ernst Axel Knauf (Freiburg/Göttingen, 1998); Pervin T. Nasir, *Rare Coins in the National Museum of Pakistan, Karachi* (Karachi, 1997); Zdenka Nemeskalova-Jiroudkova, *Keltsky poklad ze stareho kolina* (Prague, 1998); Klaus Petry, *Monetäre Entwicklung, Handelsintensität*

und wirtschaftliche Beziehungen des oberlothringischen Raumes vom Anfang des 6. bis zur Mitte des 12. Jahrhunderts (Trier, 1992); Jens Pilegaard and R. Juul Boerge, eds., *Sieg's montkatalog 1998* (Aalborg, 1997); Stephen K. Scher, *The Proud Republic: Dutch Medals of the Golden Age*, photography by John Bigelow Taylor (New York, 1997); Frovin Sieg, *Sieg's Seddelkatalog Danmark, 1695-1997* (Aalborg, 1997); Leandre Villaronga, *Monedes de plata emporitanes dels segles V-IV aC* (Barcelona, 1997); from Dr. Stephen K. Scher, *La medaglia contemporanea in Italia: Galleria d'Arte Moderna Contemporanea, 20 ottobre-30 novembre 1995*, Conservatore, M. Cristina Rodeschini Galati (Bergamo, 1995); and Dennis P. Wierzbza, President of the Colonial Coin Collectors Club, has donated a number of issues of *The C4 Newsletter*, which the Library was lacking. Readers wishing further information concerning the above publications should address inquiries to the Librarian.

ROS AWARDED ROMAN STUDIES FELLOWSHIP

The Fellowship in Roman Studies for 1998/9 has been awarded to Karen E. Ros, Assistant Professor in the Department of History of Art at the University of Indiana. Dr. Ros is an alumna of the 1985 Graduate Seminar. She received her A.B. in Classical and Near Eastern Archaeology from Bryn Mawr College, and her A.M. and Ph.D. in Classical Art and Archaeology from the University of Michigan. She taught at the University of Toronto and McMaster University before joining the faculty at Indiana. She is currently working on a book on Roman portraits from Carthage, but hopes to use the Roman Studies Fellowship to complete a study of Roman *adventus* and *profectio* coins.

1998 Graduate Seminar in Numismatics

The 1998 Graduate Seminar will begin on Tuesday, June 16 at the museum. Eleven students from North American institutions have been awarded stipends in support of attendance, and two students from foreign institutions have been admitted. One of these, Katerina Panagopolou of University College, London, will travel to New York as the beneficiary of the International Numismatic Commission's travelling stipend. The students, with their institutions and proposed fields of study, are as follows: Mary E. Downs, El Colegio de la Frontera Norte, Roman; Ildar H. Garipzanov, Central European University, Medieval; Melanie D. Grunow, University of Michigan, Roman; Daniel B. Hobbins, University of Notre Dame, Medals; Rachel Kousser, New York University, Greek; Elizabeth Marlowe, Columbia University, Roman; Scott J. McDonough, University of California, Los Angeles, Islamic; Katerina Panagopolou, University College London, Greek; Nerina Rustomji, Columbia University, Islamic; Susan E. Spinale, Harvard University, Medieval/Medals; Alexander G. Thein, University of Pennsylvania, Greek/Roman; Christine M. Thompson, Tufts University, Greek; Peter van Alfen, University of Texas, Greek.

The Visiting Scholar for the 1998 Seminar will be Christopher J. Howgego, who is in charge of Roman coins at the Heberden Coin Room, Ashmolean Museum, Oxford. Dr. Howgego is best known as the author of *Greek Imperial Countermarks* and, more recently, *Ancient History from Coins*.

Stipends in support of attendance at the Seminar are made possible by a generous donation from Mr. and Mrs. Eric P. Newman.

Errata. Miriam S. Balmuth, contrary to what was stated in the fall *ANS Newsletter*, is not an *emerita* yet, but is still actively teaching at Tufts University where she is Professor of Classics, Archaeology, and Art History. Apologies! CAB

July 18, ANS Members Appreciation Day

Members Appreciation Day will be celebrated on July 18th at the Society. For the first time since our 50-year members have been honored, we do not have a current member upon whom to bestow this honor, although in 1999 we will have quite a few. We look forward to being able to continue this very important ceremony recognizing long-term members of the Society whose loyalty has brought them to this important milestone.

We continue to be thankful for the hard work and continuous service of our volunteers. Again this year we honor the work of David Jen, William Kable, Kenneth McKenzie, Philip L. Mossman, Normand Pepin, Adam D. Philippidis, Hyla A. Troxell, Frederic Withington and Lili Wronker. We are pleased to add Jyoti Rai to that list. This year we have a new and most hard-working member, David Feinstein, who has been working in the Roman department. We are very grateful to these people who do great service for the Society.

This year the Society's Distinguished Volunteer Award will be presented to the Harry Bass Research Foundation, founded by Harry W. Bass Jr. in 1991 initially to further the study of U.S. numismatics based on his extensive collections. Mr. Bass, who had served as ANS President, 1978-84, died on April 4 in Dallas.

Since its inception, the HBRF has taken a lead role in advancing the use of the Internet for numismatic research, based primarily on the publications, holdings, and services of the ANS. In 1995, the HBRF announced the inception of the "Numismatic Indexes Project" (NIP) to provide searchable indexes of a number of American books, journals, and magazines in the discipline, including all ANS publications. A scant three years later, this valuable research tool is regularly used by visitors to the HBRF, as well as at the Society's own website. The value of NIP is being greatly enhanced by the addition of searchable, full-text versions of the ANS journal, *Numismatic Literature*, an ongoing project of the HBRF.

The ANS website, AmNumSoc2.Org, owes its existence, maintenance, and ongoing development to the HBRF without whose support, this highly regarded means of disseminating Society information and research would not have been possible. Among recent acclaimed innovations at the site has been the addition of over 550,000 coin records from the ANS database, fully searchable via a high-speed search engine resident at the HBRF site. A searchable listing of ANS members is now also available and we are currently soliciting members' permission to add hot-linked e-mail addresses to encourage direct communication among members. In the offing is the addition of ANS Library catalogue records derived from the computerization of the Society's card catalogue, a project sponsored by the HBRF and its parent Harry Bass Foundation.

Mrs. Bass to Attend

Mrs. Harry W. Bass Jr., a trustee of the HBRF, has graciously consented to accept the Distinguished Volunteer Award in person. A frequent and welcome visitor to the ANS during Mr. Bass's tenure as ANS President, Doris Bass was co-host with her late husband at the Society's gala 125th anniversary celebration in 1983 at Windows on the World. Her presence will add measurably to the great pleasure derived by the Society in honoring the work of the Harry Bass Research Foundation.

T. R. Fehrenbach of San Antonio, TX, will be our guest speaker for this day. T. R. Fehrenbach, who last year celebrated his 50th anniversary as an ANS member is a prolific writer of popular history, including *This Kind of War* published in 1963 and considered a text book on U.S. ground forces in the Korean War, and his widely read history of Texas, *Lone Star*, published in 1968. Mr. Fehrenbach has contributed fiction and non-fiction to a broad range of periodicals and is a Fellow of the Texas State Historical Association and a Knight of San Jacinto, the highest order of the Society of the Republic of Texas.

Members Appreciation Day takes place at 3:00 P.M. on Saturday, July 18, at the ANS. Members and the public are invited to take part in this day of celebration.

Graduate Seminar Alumni Group Formed

Have you ever wondered what happened to John Smith, an alumnus of the ANS Graduate Seminar? Many people have, and for that reason a fledgling organization was formed of alumni. Last winter we distributed surveys to alumni, to which about 65 people responded. Almost all were in some way professional teachers and researchers. The vast majority work on ancient coins, fewer work on medieval/Islamic coins, and only one modernist responded. Almost all are still heavily involved in numismatic research. Almost all are willing to pay \$15 for annual dues.

At an organizational meeting in December, I agreed to act as president pro tem in order to get started. I am pleased to say that I have had help from several alumni in brainstorming, especially Lee Ann Riccardi and Jamie Uhlenbrock, but also Stephen Scher and Ross Holloway. Lee Ann has offered to act as secretary to help develop a newsletter. Lee Ann, Ross, Kenneth Harl, Jennifer Sheridan, Warren Schultz, and Jane Cody have agreed to act as regional vice-presidents. Jane Cody is also our treasurer.

In the survey, many asked for a way to keep up with the work and interests of fellow alumni. We think we can accomplish this by having a set of regional vice-presidents whose duties will include keeping an address book of regional members

and collecting from those members news of publications or works of interest to the entire body. We have received many suggestions some of which I will mention here. We might create a web page containing certain interest-related information that would be shared with the members. The newsletter and web page might also have expanded versions of the condensed summaries from the *ANSNewsletter* about current Graduate Seminar student projects. Several members also suggested that they would be willing to lecture to groups interested in numismatics. Regional vice presidents could be given a list of those who have offered their services, and other regional alumni could contact the vice presidents to find local experts to call upon.

Alumni could act as extra mentors for students enrolled in the Graduate Seminar. Names of those students working in appropriate fields could be given to the alumni, and alumni could offer expertise or advice by e-mail or telephone during the summer or months following, when the students are preparing their projects for articles.

We might establish an annual award or recognition of the article or book about numismatics by an alumnus/a that provided the greatest contribution to the discipline. We could even have a separate award for the ancient world, the medieval world, the Renaissance/modern world, and the

Islamic/Asian world, recognition of the contribution being decided by an appropriately selected committee.

What should you do now? Send your \$15 annual fee to Professor Jane Cody, made out to "ANS Graduate Seminar Alumni" at the University of Southern California, ADM 304, MC 4012, Los Angeles, CA 90089. While you have your pen in hand, write to your regional vice president and tell him/her what project you are working on or is just coming out, include further ideas and specifics about a newsletter and web page; volunteer to give a lecture; volunteer to work on developing the awards committee guidelines; volunteer to be mentor of a Graduate Seminar student this summer. Make sure you inform the ANS that we can release your address/e-mail address to interested members. And let us know what you think this organization can or should be doing that we missed. We look forward to hearing from you.

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Regional vice presidents: New England, R. Ross Holloway; NY, NJ, PA, DC, Lee Ann Riccardi; South, Kenneth Harl; Rust Belt, Jennifer Sheridan; west of the Rust Belt to the Rockies, Warren Schultz; CA and the Far West, Jane Cody.

Jane DeRose Evans

Arnold-Biucchi in Europe

Carmen Arnold-Biucchi went to London and Paris to honor two distinguished numismatists. In London she was invited to a reception at the British Museum to celebrate the publication of the volume *Studies in Greek Numismatics in Memory of Martin Jessop Price*, edited by Richard Ashton and Silvia Hurter in association with Georges Le Rider and Roger Bland (London, Spink) to which she contributed an article on "The Pergamene Mint under Lysimachos." Many colleagues and friends joined Keeper Andrew Burnett and Maria Price and her children to honor the memory and the accomplishments of one of the leading Greek numismatists of this century.

In Paris at the Collège de France, Georges Le Rider was presented with the manuscripts for a volume of essays to be published later this year in honor of his

seventieth birthday and his retirement. Arnold-Biucchi contributed an article on a new hoard of tetradrachms from Aigeai in Cilicia to the volume.



Michel Amandry, Emma Arnold, Silvia Hurter, Georges Le Rider, Carmen Arnold-Biucchi, and Denyse Bérard
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RAGTIME, A GALA SUCCESS

The evening of April 17 was a huge success and the ANS thanks all the guests who made the evening so special. We give particular thanks to ANS Councillor Donald Partrick and his wife Virginia who served as hosts for the event with a number of personal guests as well as Mr. and Mrs. Eric Newman and their daughter Linda Schapiro, Mrs. Cathy Bullowa-Moore and her daughter-in-law Joy Moore, Mr. Leslie Elam, Dr. William E. Metcalf and his wife Jane, Ms. Arlene Jacobs, Dr. Philip Mossman and his wife Mary, Mr. Gary Trudgen and his wife Nancy, Dr. Arnold Peter Weiss and his wife Dr. Yvonne Weiss, Mr. Clifford Mishler, Dr. David Menchell and his wife Dianne, Mr. Anthony Terranova and his wife Maryann, and Mr. Jack Kroll and his guest Dorothy Seigal. We also thank the members who were unable to attend the benefit but made a contribution to the evening including Kenneth and Mary Edlow, Roger A. Hornsby, Jonathan Kagan, Thomas R. Martin, and Mrs. R. Henry Norweb, Jr.

The setting for dinner was spectacular! The ninth floor promenade of the Hotel Marriott Marquis looks out on Broadway just above Times Square. Outside the window, the stream of taxis looked like a yellow satin ribbon flowing into Times Square



ANS Fellow Catherine Bullowa Moore of Philadelphia traveled to New York for the ANS event

surrounded by huge abstract art works rather than billboards and advertisements. There were no sounds—just movement—and as twilight turned to evening, the view was magical. Appetizers and cocktails on the promenade highlighted New York at its best. The guests enjoyed excellent food and wine and little chocolate pyramids for dessert. Even the April shower disappeared as we left the hotel for the theater.

Enjoying the ambiance of Marriott's Promenade are ANS Executive Director Leslie A. Elam, CNL Associate Editor Gary Trudgen, and CNL Editor Dr. Philip L. Mossman



Ragtime is playing in the New Ford Center where there was indeed space, comfort, and beauty. This new theater with its block long lobby was designed with this play in mind. It is a theater complete with mosaics, red-velvet seats with ample leg room, gold-leaf domes, rosettes, lyres, masks of comedy, murals of frolicking maidens and cupids, all illuminated by beautiful lighting.

The play itself was a fitting climax. It was beautifully staged and whether you had read the book or not, the story line was clear. The singing voice of Brian Stokes Mitchell was memorable. A new tone has been set for 42nd Street with the opening of *Ragtime*.

The evening was a great success. We again thank all of our guests for attending and ask our members to suggest other events that would be of interest to them. Until next time!

Elam Elected Honorary Fellow of RNS

ANS Executive Director Leslie A. Elam is one of three individuals elected as Honorary Fellows of the Royal Numismatic Society, London, at its January 1998 meeting. The other persons accorded this singular honor were Dr. Pierre Bastien of Cranbury, NJ, and Prof. Brita Malmer of Stockholm, Sweden, both of whom are Corresponding Members of the ANS as well.

In acknowledging his election to RNS President D. M. Metcalf, Elam wrote of his pride in the honor accorded him since "it puts me in the company of two predecessors here at the American Numismatic Society whose memory I hold in the highest regard—Sawyer Mosser, who interviewed and hired me to a career rich in challenges and rewards, and George Miles, who tutored me in the dignity of administering this unique research institution."

RNS Honorary Fellows are limited to 25 in number. Their names are listed regularly in the *Numismatic Chronicle*.

Weiss Named Benefactor

Dr. Arnold-Peter C. Weiss of Barrington, RI, a member of the ANS since 1989 who was elected a Fellow in 1994, has been named a Benefactor of the Society in recognition of his great generosity. At this time, Benefactors are those whose contributions aggregate at least \$200,000.

Dr. Weiss, a member of the Society's governing Council since 1995, serves on the ANS Finance, Operations and Management, and Personnel Committees. An orthopaedic surgeon who holds an appointment as Associate Professor at the Brown University School of Medicine, Weiss has a serious research interest in Rhodian and related Greek coinages. He co-chaired the initial two Boston Conferences held each September in conjunction with the numismatic convention and served as General Chairman for the highly successful ANS Members Exhibition at the 1996 NYINC, resulting in the illustrated catalogue, *Treasures of Ancient Coinage*. In addition, Weiss serves as Chairman of the Society's 1998 Annual Giving drive, the means by which ANS members support the core work of this organization.

Augustus Sage Subject of New Book

What do the board room of the ANS and the pages of Q. David Bowers's newest book have in common? They both display an important historical document from the archives of the Society: the letter penned by the sixteen-year-old Augustus B. Sage inviting twelve distinguished New Yorkers to meet at his home to discuss the founding of the American Numismatic Society.

American Numismatics before the Civil War, 1760-1860, emphasizes the story of Sage, the collector and coin dealer, in the context of the history of coin collecting in the early United States. A complimentary Foreword to the study is provided Dr. Joel Orosz, whose own study, *The Eagle That Is Forgotten*, chronicling the life of Du Simitière, provides insights into early U.S. collecting practices by the "founding father of American numismatics."

American Numismatics before the Civil War, 1760-1860, by ANS Fellow Q. David Bowers, is available directly from Bowers and Merena Galleries, Wolfeboro, NH 03894.

ANA in Portland

The 107th annual ANA Convention will take place from August 5 to 9 in Portland, OR. The Society will be at booth number 819 with a number of activities including computer access to the our website, a demonstration of the new ANS CD ROM entitled "Coinage of the Roman World," and informative displays.

The new ANS Assistant Director, Dr. Ute Wartenberg, will be in Portland at the convention and we look forward to all of our members and friends stopping by booth 819 to welcome her. As usual the convention will be an exciting time to make new friends and welcome our old ones. We look forward to seeing you in Portland.

Volunteer hosts for the booth are needed and those wishing to help us greet visitors at the table are encouraged to contact Arlene Jacobs (212) 234-3130, ext 219.

CNL 107 Released

The April 1998 issue of The Colonial Newsletter has been mailed to subscribers. The feature article, "Cast Counterfeit Coppers in Pre-Federal America," by Charles W. Smith, Ph.D., and Philip L. Mossman, M.D., is an in-depth study of the cast counterfeit coinages of the eighteenth century which circulated together with legitimate coppers as the small change medium of the period. The counterfeits under discussion are cast imitations of regal English and Irish issues and contemporaneous copies of state coppers of the Confederation manufactured to deceive the unwary public. Forgeries of valuable numismatic specimens are excluded from consideration.

New Patrons, Sponsors

Also at its April meeting, the Council took pleasure in recording Mr. Herman Miller of New York City as a Patron of the Society in honor of his gifts to the collections aggregating over \$50,000. Mr. Miller, a member of the ANS since 1971, was elected a Fellow in 1993.

Named as Sponsors of the Society in recognition of giving at the \$10,000 level were The Arete Foundation of Philadelphia, PA, and John-Platt Enterprises, Inc., New York, NY. The Society is grateful to these generous supporters of its mission.

Bastien's New Book

Dr. Pierre Bastien's *Les Nismismates* is now available in an English translation, *The Coin Collectors*, translated by Robert Turfboer. The book departs from the author's renowned expertise in the later Roman period in the West and dips into the 1960s numismatic world in France. The characters hover on the edges of one's knowledge of dealers and collectors and slides through a world with which many of us are familiar. But try to button down the characters, and you slide into the delightful novel that it is without grasping the exact identity of those portrayed. One emerges from the book thoroughly entertained as well as excited about the future of numismatics for all of us who love the collecting and study of coins. A long-time ANS Corresponding Member and very good friend of the Society, Dr. Bastien has recently been elected a Fellow of the Royal Numismatic Society.

The Coin Collectors is exclusively available from Classical Numismatic Group, Inc., P.O. Box 479, Lancaster, PA 17608-0479 for \$19.95



ANS Executive Director Leslie A. Elam, his wife Judi, and ANS Development Officer Arlene Jacobs, visited with Hans Berquin in Brussels in mid-March to discuss ways to expand member services in Europe. Mr. Berquin has volunteered to coordinate ANS activities and programs on the continent similar to successful ventures undertaken by the Society in U.S. cities.

Harry Wesley Bass, Jr.



Complications from lung disease claimed the life of Harry Wesley Bass, Jr., on April 4, 1998. Mr. Bass, a past President of the American Numismatic Society, was at his death a member of the Society's governing Council and its Executive Committee. His deep commitment to the ANS manifested itself in many enduring ways, including the endowed Bass Library Fund, initiation and on-going support for the computerization of the Society's operations and collections beginning in 1979, funding of major purchases for the Library and Curatorial Departments, and, during the past several years, development of the Society's presence on the Internet through administration of the ANS website.

Well known in Dallas oil and business circles, Mr. Bass was born January 6, 1927, in Oklahoma City and grew up in Dallas where he graduated from Texas Country Day School (now St. Marks Academy) before pursuing a higher education at the University of Texas and Southern Methodist University.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, then became involved in family oil interests in Calgary, Canada, before continuing in the oil exploration business in Dallas where he served as President of H. W. Bass and Sons, Inc.

Active in Republican politics, Bass served as Dallas County Chairman in 1957 and later as Republican State

Committeeman representing Dallas. His early efforts to computerize the party's constituency led to a lifetime fascination with computers. Instrumental in computerizing the membership records of his home church, Highland Park United Methodist, he was actively involved until the time of his death in the computerization of records and holdings for the American Numismatic Society in New York City, having recently developed their website on the Internet.

An eclectic collector, Bass fostered a particular interest in numismatics, assembling in the past three decades one of the largest and finest collections of U.S. Gold coins in the world. A recognized authority on mintage of U.S. federal gold coinage (ca. 1795-1933), he built a comprehensive reference collection of U.S. gold by die varieties and die states.

Combining business interests with his love for skiing, Bass became actively involved with Vail ski resort and later Beaver Creek ski resort, leading his family's successful takeover bid against Twentieth Century Fox in 1978 for controlling interest in Vail Associates, Inc. He then served as Chairman of the Board during a significant phase of the corporation's planning and growth.

He administered two non-profit foundations. The Harry Bass Foundation, which his father created, has long supported Dallas museums, hospitals, religious and charitable institutions along with numismatic organizations nationwide. The Harry W. Bass Jr. Research Foundation will keep intact in perpetuity for research and scholarship his rare collections of U.S. numismatics, books and other groups of material.

A member of Dallas Country Club, Brook Hollow Golf Club, and Idlewild and Calyx social organizations, Harry Bass served as president of the American Numismatic Society in New York City from 1978-84, president of Sertoma Club, and was the first president of the Dallas Ski Club which he helped form in the 50s.

Predeceased by his parents, Wilma (Schuessler) and Harry Wesley Bass, and eldest son Harry Wesley Bass III, he is survived by his wife Doris and four grown children: John Harold Bass of Sandy, Utah; Carol Ann Bass of Fishtail, Montana;

Robert Stephen Bass of Agoura, California; and Beverly Bass Haralson of Dallas, along with seven grandchildren, brother Richard D. Bass of Dallas, and stepsons Michael and David Calhoun.

Following private interment at Sparkman-Hillcrest Cemetery, memorial services were held Monday, April 6, 1998, at 2:00 p.m., at the Highland Park United Methodist Church.

A Life of Learning

Leslie A. Elam

The death of ANS Councillor and Past President Harry W. Bass Jr., on April 4, 1998, ended an era in the history of the American Numismatic Society largely defined by his ideas and influence. He knew the ANS more intimately, more intensely, more personally than most career employees of the ANS; but not unlike those few other individuals whose marks are indelibly impressed upon the annals of this venerable organization.

From almost the moment he joined the ANS in 1966, Harry Bass adopted the Society as an institution he respected for its heritage, the quality of its holdings, and its people. From the earliest days, he was an avid learner for whom answers begot further questions. Those who thought he asked the obvious only betrayed their inability to understand the nuances of his thinking. And when he decided on a course of action, those who would disagree found a well-informed, perhaps even stubborn defender of a position based on a rare combination of logic and humanity.

Early Interests

His first contact at the ANS was with Society Librarian Geoffrey North. Bass was not yet the advanced collector in his chosen area of interest, the specialized series of United States federal gold coinage, but he knew well the challenging rigors required to gain expertise in a sophisticated field of study. North exposed him to the broad spectrum of research tools available in this extraordinary numismatic library; in turn Bass prowled the aisles, then the nooks and crannies, in the course of which discovering a section of the

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library devoted to lesser-used materials that were housed on wood shelves. His recommendations for improving the appearance and safety of the area, coupled with his offer to help finance the renovation, were accepted with pleasure, and henceforth the converted east library workroom was affectionately deemed the "Bass Room."

ANS Councillor

Elected a Fellow in 1971, the following year his interest and support of the Society and its mission were certified by election to the governing Council, and shortly thereafter by appointment to the Executive Committee. In 1974 he was elected First Vice-President of the ANS and was named to the Finance Committee, which oversees the Society's investment portfolio as well as current accounts. In 1978 he succeeded Samuel R. Milbank as the President of the ANS, a position he was to hold until 1984.

In 1979 he joined the Library Committee, formalizing his deep interest in this, the world's most developed numismatic research library. The previous fall, he invited ANS Director Leslie A. Elam, Librarian Francis D. Campbell, and then Deputy Chief Curator William E. Metcalf to join him at a computer exposition in his home city of Dallas, thus inaugurating the serious, ongoing dedication by the Society to the use of computer technology for all aspects of our work. It was what Harry Bass characterized as "bringing the ANS into the twentieth century."

Progress was rapid under Bass's watchful eye. He funded the acquisition and development of the minicomputer system for creating the COINS database, the eventual success of which is seen in the over 550,000 coin records now mounted on the Society's Website. By 1984, he correctly deduced that the future lay in personal computers networked to share information. He was also an early advocate of relational databases and, for this reason, taught himself how to program in Microrim's RBase software package; in turn he committed ANS staff members, particularly Elam, to this regimen.

The advent of the Society's first major endowment campaign in 1985 provided the impetus to develop a computerized database for the ANS, incorporating files for

membership, fund-raising, and finances. Bass worked closely with Elam to define the database structures and relationships. Untutored in fund accounting, Bass nevertheless made valuable contributions to the Society's sophisticated chart of accounts and the related budget and financial reporting systems under which the ANS has operated since 1990.

ANS President

Bass's tenure as President was marked by many significant events, not the least of which was overseeing the planning for, and celebration of, the Society's 125th anniversary in 1983, a potpourri of events that culminated in a whirlwind of activity in September of that year. The ANS opened a gala new exhibition, "The World of Money" for which over \$200,000 was raised; convened a two-day conference in New York which attracted an international gathering of scholars and serious students in all aspects of numismatics; and hosted, with his wife Doris, a grand celebratory dinner dance at Windows on the World, high atop New York's World Trade Center.

In his Presidential address marking the anniversary, Bass outlined a vision of far-reaching proportions – an annual "Coinage of the Americas Conference" to bring together at the ANS the full range of those interested in the pre-announced theme, to hear talks, enjoy exhibitions of public and private collections, and engage in the discourse that marks true information sharing in our discipline. Lastly, the sum of this experience should be reported in a Proceedings volume to guarantee that a lasting benefit would result. Thus began the annual COAC, now deeply ingrained in the fabric of Society life and a proven contribution to the vibrancy of Western Hemisphere numismatic research.

ANS Internet Presence

Harry Bass's vision for the ANS sharpened considerably as he contemplated "bringing the ANS into the twenty-first century." In late 1991, he established the Harry Bass Research Foundation and set about to make his uniquely significant collection of U.S. gold coins available on the Internet. He was soon sidetracked to contemplate the needs of the ANS for a Website presence. The result is a highly

sybiotic relationship between the HBRF and the ANS: each of us has an active, ongoing Website, both maintained by the HBRF, with transparent links between the two and with additions and updates occurring regularly to enhance the value of each site.

With Bass's death, the HBRF has inherited substantial collections and responsibilities. The ANS is a happy partner in promoting the enhancement of the HBRF site and in benefiting from the continuing cooperation of the HBRF. Harry Bass characterized himself as a learner. Those who knew him add innovator, pragmatist, challenger, mentor, humanist.

ANS Council Resolution

Perhaps the singular statement of Harry Bass's place in the Society's conscience is that of the ANS Council, spread upon its Minutes of April 18, 1998, recording his death:

"The Council of the American Numismatic Society expresses its profound sorrow on the death of Harry W. Bass Jr. A Member of the Society's Council since 1972, he served as President of the ANS during the years 1978-1984; at his death he remained a contributing member of the Council, and its Executive and Governance Committees.

"He cared deeply about the Society, and its place in the world of numismatic scholarship and education. His was the vision of an ANS that not only should aspire to greatness, but also strive to share its resources over the spectrum of numismatic studies through development of on-line capabilities.

"He was intimate with the affairs of the Society, provided thoughtful counsel on its mission and direction, and gave generously of his talents and means in support of all aspects of this organization. He will be sorely missed.

"To his widow, Doris, and his family, the Council and Membership express their deep condolences and offer sincere sympathy. A man of singular stature has gone from our midst."

Council Elects New Fellows

At its meeting on April 18, the Council of the ANS elected nine new Fellows bringing the number of voting members of the Society to 195.

Curtis Clay of Oak Park, IL, has been an Associate since 1963. A student of the late C. H. V. Sutherland, Clay was formerly research assistant to A. Alföldi. He is considered a leading authority on Roman imperial coinage, particularly of the Severan period and has written the standard articles on the date and purpose of medallic issues, the coinage of Macrinus, and contorniates. Long a resident in Vienna, he is now in Chicago where he is employed at Harlan J. Berk, Ltd.

Jane DeRose Evans, Associate Professor of Art History at Temple University, Philadelphia, has been a member of the ANS since 1983. Prof. Evans is the author of *The Art of Persuasion: Political Propaganda from Aeneas to Brutus* (Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 1992) and numerous articles in *ANSMN*, *Quaderni Ticinesi*, and elsewhere. She also serves as excavation numismatist for Caesara Maritima (Israel). She is an alumna of the 1983 ANS Graduate Seminar and currently is President pro-tem of the Seminar alumni association.

Richard Giedroyc, an Associate since 1978, lives in Sidney, OH, where he is employed as International Editor of *Coin World*, the coin hobby weekly newspaper. In this capacity, he has covered the ANS for many years and has proven himself a knowledgeable and accurate reporter. A collector in his own right, Giedroyc is a frequent and thoughtful contributor to the ANS Library and to the Medals cabinet.

Ruth Mazzo Karras, a resident of Philadelphia, PA, has been an Associate of the ANS since 1983. Prof. Karras received her Ph.D. from Yale University and is an alumna of the 1983 ANS Graduate Seminar. Currently Associate Professor of History at Temple University, she has published in the Society's journal and participated in the Metallurgy in Numismatics Conference at the British Museum. She is an active member of the Medieval Committee at the ANS.

Jonathan K. Kern, an Associate Member since 1975, lives in Lexington, KY. A well known coin dealer who frequents all the big shows, Jonathan Kern is a long-standing supporter of the ANS. A consistent member of the

Society's Gold Circle as well as a loyal and generous contributor to the Annual Giving appeal, he sets the example for support of the ANS by American dealers. He was named a Sponsor of the Society in 1990.

Frank L. Kovacs III of San Mateo, CA, joined the ANS in 1970 as an Associate. A dealer in ancient coins, Kovacs has been generous to the Society, as a donor to the Greek and Roman Departments, by encouraging collectors to become more familiar with the ANS and its goals, and by being a valuable contact with our West Coast members based on his numerous trips to NYC. He is co-author with ANS Curator Michael Bates of an article in *Numismatic Chronicle* for 1996. Kovacs is also considered an authority on authenticity and methods of conservation.

Catherine C. Lorber, an Associate of the ANS since 1994, resides in Woodland Hills, CA. Ms. Lorber worked for many years as a professional numismatist, principally with NFA in California, and is now active mainly as a consultant and an independent researcher. Her publication credits include, in addition to numerous auction catalogues, *Amphipolis: The Civic Coinage in Silver and Gold* (Los Angeles: NFA, 1990), and *Treasures of Ancient Coinage from the Private Collections of ANS Members* (1996). With Arthur A. Houghton, she is completing a comprehensive catalogue of Seleucid coin varieties intended to stand as the principal reference on the subject for scholars and collectors. She is also working on an English language, updated edition of J. Svoronos, *The Coins of the Ptolemies*, a book long out of print and difficult for collectors to use in its Greek language edition. She has also published on Macedonian weight standards and on the coinage of Larissa in Thessaly.

Joseph Veach Noble, a resident of Maplewood, NJ, has been an Associate of the ANS since 1987 and became a Life Member in 1995. Mr. Noble was Assistant Director of the Metropolitan Museum of Art before becoming Director of the Museum of the City of New York. He is President Emeritus of Brookgreen Gardens, established by Archer P. Huntington, and has for some years been the Director of the Society of Medalists. In this capacity, he presented a history of that organization and its medallic issues at the 1987 COAC. He is a frequent participant and speaker at FIDEM

Congresses and serves on the Society's Saltus Medal Committee.

Harriet Schwartz-Crew of Acton, MA, has been an Associate Member of the Society since 1981. Ms. Schwartz-Crew attended the 1981 ANS Graduate Seminar and was the recipient of the Society's Dissertation Fellowship in 1982/3 working on "The Coinage of the Last Dynasty of Mauretania." She has done excavation work on University of Michigan projects in Carthage and Tel Anafa (Israel) and was a supervisor at the University of Colorado/University of Georgia site in Carthage. For the last 15 years she has worked on software development projects at every level from user documentation to product design, first for Pegasystems Inc. and currently for Atex Media Solutions. Since 1994 she has been the International Editor for *Numismatic Literature* and has overseen the editing and production of volumes 132 to date.

The ANS welcomes these nine dedicated members as Fellows of the Society, a class of membership limited in number to 200.

Corresponding Members Elected

The Society's Council elected three new Corresponding Members at its April 18 meeting, bringing to 68 the number of foreign scholars associated with the Society through this honorary class of membership.

Michael Alram, Curator in the Münzkabinett, Kunsthistorisches Museum, Vienna, is a specialist in Sasanian coins who has also published a monograph on the coinage of Maximinus in the *Moneta Imperii Romani* series and is a leading authority on ancient Persian coinage. His major work to date is *Iranisches Namenbuch*, published by the Austrian Academy of Sciences, to which he was elected to represent the Viennese Institut für Numismatik in succession to the late Robert Göbl. Michael Alram was the Visiting Scholar for the 1997 ANS

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Graduate Seminar.

Rika Gyselen, a research scholar at the French Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, has been well-known in the field of Sasanian coinage for many years. She made an extended visit to the ANS in the 1980s. Dr. Gyselen has worked closely with Raoul Curiel, Ludvig Kalus, and Philippe Gignoux, three leading French experts in early medieval Iranian studies, publishing numerous joint articles with them. One of the finest contemporary scholars in the field of Sasanian numismatics, sigillography, and geography, Dr. Gyselen not only produces a stream of books and articles, she is a great leader of scholarly activity, as head of a CNRS *equipe*, as organizer of conferences, as journal editor, and as compiler and editor of festschrifts. Among her significant works may be cited, *Catalogue des sceaux, camées et bulles sassanides de la Bibliothèque Nationale et du Musée du Louvre, I; Collection générale* (Paris: Bibliothèque Nationale, 1993); *Une collection de monnaies de cuivre arabos-sasanides*, *Studia Iranica* 2 (Paris, 1984) [with Raoul Curiel]; and her principal study on *La géographie administrative de l'empire sassanide: Les témoignages sigillographiques*. *Res Orientales* I (Paris, 1989).

Giovanni Gorini, Professor at University of Padua, is a member of the International Numismatic Commission. He has written extensively in virtually all areas of ancient and medieval coinage; currently he is coordinating editor of *Ritrovamenti monetali di Età Romana nel Veneto*, a series of publications of coin finds in the Veneto comparable to *FMRD*. Prof. Gorini was the Visiting Scholar for the 1994 ANS Graduate Seminar.

The ANS is proud to recognize these three outstanding scholars who have contributed significantly to the discipline.

New Members Welcomed

At its meeting on April 18, 1998, the Society's Council elected 33 new Associate Members of the ANS and reinstated four Associates. Those elected are:

New Members

Dr. T. Steven Barlow, Birmingham, AL
 Prof. Amin Bassrei, Salvador BA, Brazil
 Mr. James A. Biancarosa, Lindenhurst, NY
 Dr. Keith Candiotti, Miami Beach, FL
 Mr. Douglas M. Carlson, Naples, FL
 Mr. Richard A. Christie, Penticton, Canada
 Mr. Adam Connell, Lakehurst, NJ
 Mr. Dick Eidswick, Ann Arbor, MI
 Col. Steven Ellsworth, Clifton, VA
 Mr. Jose M. Fonseca, New York, NY
 Mr. Joe Gianninoto, Mountain View, CA
 Mr. Peter Grieve, Logan, UT
 Mr. Thomas J. Hildebrandt, Shaker Heights, OH
 Mr. Edward C. D. Hopkins, Fairborn, OH
 Mr. Eric Karell, Downers Grove, IL
 Mr. Nechemia Katzman, Kew Gardens, NY
 Dr. Andrew Kaye, Flushing, NY
 Mr. Robert Koch, Amsterdam, Netherlands
 Mr. Simcha L. Kuritzky, Silver Spring, MD
 Ms. Susan Y. H. Lau, New York, NY
 Mr. Robert J. Merchant Jr., Cocoa, FL
 Ms. Yianni Nikolis, New York, NY
 Mr. Richard Pieper, New York, NY
 Mr. Paolo Pitotto, Torino, Italy
 Mr. George J. Polizio, Astoria, NJ
 Mr. Chris Rose, Cedar Grove, NJ
 Mr. John H. Rosengren, Ridgewood, NJ
 Mr. Arturo Russo, Zurich, Switzerland
 Mrs. Linda N. Schapiro, New York, NY
 Dr. James A. Schnur, Phoenix, AZ

Mr. Leland W. Schubert, Far Hills, NJ
 Ms. Helena Sullivan, New York, NY
 Mr. Fred Truex, North Hills, CA

Reinstated Members

Mr. Michael M. Bird, Riverside, CA
 Rev. Christopher T. Connell, Lakehurst, NJ
 Mr. Paul F. L. DeGroot, Calgary, Canada
 Mr. Michael Ierardi, Hamilton, Canada

Associate membership in the ANS is open to all with an interest in numismatics. Members receive a range of benefits including the Society's annual journal, *American Journal of Numismatics*, and are informed about forthcoming events and opportunities through receipt of the quarterly *ANS Newsletter* and special mailings. An added benefit instituted in 1997 and continued this year provides members the opportunity to receive a free subscription to the *Colonial Newsletter*, a journal devoted to the numismatic history of the United States in the preFederal period, which was donated to the ANS by the CNL Foundation as of last year. Three issues of *CNL* appear each year.

New Life Members

At its April meeting, the Council recorded the following conversions to Life Membership in the ANS:

Steven Ellsworth, Clifton, VA (Assoc. 1998); Gregory Gajda, Mt. Prospect, IL (Assoc. 1998); I. Edward Price, Livingston, NJ (Assoc. 1988, Fellow, 1994); Martin A. Rizack, Teaneck, NJ (Assoc. 1977); and Edward J. Waddell, Gaithersburg, MD (Assoc. 1971).

All ANS members have the option to convert to Life Membership by the one-time payment of \$1,000. Life Associates and Life Fellows are excused from the payment of annual dues and thus are spared any increase in dues.

ANS Circle Memberships

It is a pleasure to record the names of ANS members who join or renew their memberships as Circle Members, thereby taking advantage of the tiered dues structure to enjoy increased benefits and discounts while providing additional, much needed support for our organization.

The very fine ANS "Signature" Tote Bag, which proved so popular when issued in limited quantities in 1994, is now available as our gift to all ANS members joining an ANS Circle in 1998. Members signing up as a Gold, Electrum, Silver, or Bronze Circle Member for 1998 will receive this attractive and sturdy bag in addition to the other benefits enjoyed by Circle Members. This bag, which features the distinctive ANS logo, identifies one as a contributing member of this world-renowned organization.

The Society expresses appreciation to the following members who joined the Gold, Electrum, Silver, and Bronze Circles for 1998 through April 18:

Gold Circle (\$1,000)

Dr. Lawrence A. Adams, Studio City, CA
 Prof. Glen W. Bowersock, Princeton, NJ
 Mr. Kenneth L. Edlow, New York, NY
 Mr. Sidney W. Harl, Glen Cove, NY
 Mr. Arthur A. Houghton III, Washington, DC
 Mr. Jonathan K. Kern, Lexington, KY
 Prof. Thomas R. Martin, Worcester, MA
 Mr. Clifford L. Mishler, Iola, WI
 Mr. Eric P. Newman, St. Louis, MO
 Mr. Donald G. Partrick, Islandia, NY
 Dr. Stephen K. Scher, Clifton, NJ

Electrum Circle (\$500)

Mrs. Dorothy Budd Bartle, Caldwell, NJ
 Mr. Gerald F. Borrmann, Lafayette, CA
 Dr. Lawrence E. Cutler, New York, NY
 Dr. David Menchell, Fresh Meadows, NY

Mr. J. Roy Pennell Jr., Anderson, SC
 Dr. Hans R. Voegtli, Dornach, Switzerland
 Mr. Thomas C. Wilfred, Gap, PA
 Mr. Frederic G. Withington, New York, NY

Silver Circle (\$250)

Mr. Arthur I. Appleton, Wilmette, IL
 Prof. Jere Bacharach, Seattle, WA
 Mr. William A. Burd, Chicago, IL
 Mr. Tony Carlotto, Sheffield, MA
 Dr. Martha Carter, Madison, WI
 Mr. Joseph C. Foster, Midlothian, VA
 Dr. Jay M. Galst, New York, NY
 Mr. Robert M. Harlick, San Francisco, CA
 Mr. Reed Hawn, Austin, TX
 Mr. Frank L. Kovacs III, San Mateo, CA
 Mr. Joseph R. Lasser, Scarsdale, NY
 Mr. William J. Leitold, New York, NY
 Mr. Robert D. Leonard Jr., Winnetka, IL
 Mr. Mehdi Malek, London, Great Britain
 Mr. Andrew E. Michyeta III, Riverside, IL
 Mr. Herman Miller, New York, NY
 Mr. Robert W. Newman, Springdale, CT
 Mr. Jesse Patrick, Santa Rosa, CA
 Mr. John C. Pottage, Chicago, IL
 Mr. James F. Rogers, Newtown, CT
 Mr. Robert Ronus, Los Angeles, CA
 Mr. Jonathan P. Rosen, New York, NY
 Prof. Homer A. Thompson, Heightstown, NJ
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